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TOPPING AGENDA

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- 1. THE OAU COMMITTEE OF 12 CONVENED IN LUSAKA JAN 21 (REFTEL A). REPS OF TANZANIA, SIERRA LEONE, MALI, EGYPT, BURUNDI, ALGERIA, BOTSWANA, CAMEROON, GHANA, SENEGAL, SUDAN AND ZAIRE PARTICIPATED AND ANGOLAN AND ZAMBIAN OBSERVERS WERE PRESENT. MEETINGS ARE BEING CHAIRED BY TANZANIA'S AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT, PAUL RUPIAH.
- 2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE CLOSED MEETING HELD ON JAN 21, THE QUESTION OF PREFERENTIAL OIL PRICES FOR AFRICAN STATES WAS HIGH ON THE AGENDA. IN DISCUSSING THE OAU COMMITTEE OF TWELVE'S CONSIDERATION OF OIL PRICING, PRESS FEATURED PRES KAUNDA'S JAN 7 STATEMENT OF CONCERN (REFTEL B), "WE MUST REGISTER OUR GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE OIL PRICE INCREASES AND WE INTEND TO DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION AT THE FORTHCOMING AFROARAB SUMMIT DUE TO BE HELD IN CAIRO ON AFRO-ARAB UNCLASSIFIED

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COOPERATION." THE COMMITTEE OF 12 WILL ALSO DISCUSS ARAB INVESTMENT IN AFRICA AND PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR THE CAIRO AFRO-WRAB SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN MARCH. THE MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO LAST FOR TWO DAYS AND THE MATTERS TABLED WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH AN ARAB DELEGATION EXPECTED IN LUSAKA NEXT WEEK. LOW

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